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There will be three question papers, each of 3 hours duration. The papers will be set in the Standard Shona orthography. Candidates will be required to write their answers in the Standard Shona orthography, where Shona is specified, conforming to the rules for word division and spelling recommended by the Shona Language Committee and circulated by the Ministry of Education, Sport and Culture, Zimbabwe. Candidates will offer all three papers.

PAPER 1 - 2 ½ HOURS [100 marks]

Candidates will be required to answer three questions, one from each of the following sections:

Section A	:	Composition	(50 marks)
Section B	:	Comprehension	(30 marks)
Section C	:	Summary	(20 marks)

Answers to questions in this paper are to be written in Shona.

PAPER 2 - 2 ½ HOURS [100 marks]

Candidates will be required to answer four questions, two from Section A and two from Section B.

Section A	:	Practical criticism of two unseen passages, one of prose and one of verse	(60 marks)
Section B	:	Language structure and usage	(40 marks)

A choice of questions will be offered in both sections. Answers to questions in this paper are to be written in Shona.

See also the Notes for Section B at the end of Paper 3.

PAPER 3 - 2 ½ HOURS [100 marks]

Candidates will be required to answer **four** questions on prescribed books. The prescribed books to be studied will represent both traditional and modern poetry and prose.

Questions on the prescribed books will be arranged in two sections:

Section A	:	Traditional Prose and Poetry
Section B	:	Modern Prose and Poetry

Of the four questions to be answered, at least one must be chosen from each section. Candidates will be expected to answer **one** question on Poetry from either Section A or Section B. The total marks for each question will be 25. Answers to questions in this Paper are to be written in Shona.

The prescribed works for the various years are set out in the Appendix.

Notes on Paper 2 Section B

Questions set in Paper 2, Section B on Language structure and usage will be based on the structural approach adopted in Shona Grammatical Constructions Vols. I and II by G. Fortune (Central African Correspondence College). This work is not a prescribed book but a reference grammar which candidates will find useful.

Candidates will be expected to be able to describe the structure and usage of the following forms and constructions:

- (i) Substantives, Substantive phrases, Inflected Verb phrases, Verbal clauses and Verbal sentences.
- (ii) Verb radicals, Verb phrases, Inflected Verb phrases, Verbal clauses and Verbal sentences.
- (iii) Ideophones, Ideophonic phrases, Ideophonic clauses and Ideophonic sentences.

Candidates will be required to study these forms and constructions with the exemplification of Shona Grammatical Constructions with special emphasis on the method of structural analysis and how to apply it to the constructions which are listed above.

NB: Setbooks for Paper 3 will be advised through circulars.

Background Reading

It is strongly recommended that candidates also read the following books for supplementary information:

R.H Chakamba et al	Jekesa Pfungwa Book 3	(Longman)
W.L. Chigidi	'A' Level Revision Course	(College Press)
J.M. Gombe	Tsika Dzavashona	(College Press)
Ruth Finnegan	Oral Literature in Africa	(OUP/Mambo Press)
G. Fortune	Shona Praise Poetry	(Oxford University Press)
O. M Kabweza et al	Pasichigare	(Mambo Press)
M. Bourdillon (ed)	The Shona Peoples	(Mambo Press)
A.C. Hodza	Shona Registers Vol. II	(Mercury Press)
G. Kahari	Aspects of the Shona Novel	(Mambo Press)
T. Makura	Vatete Vachabvepi?	(Mambo Press)